

Since becoming the Brazos Valley's member of Congress in 2005, Congressman Edwards has worked closely with local business and community leaders on projects that will improve economic development, transportation, public safety, access to health care, and quality of life for Brazos Valley families.

Supporting Accesss to VA Healthcare in the Brazos Valley

As Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Sub-Committee, Chet supported expansion the local VA Clinic in College Station to improve treatment and delivery of benefits for area veterans.

Improving Transportation in the Brazos County

Chet, understands the strong growth of the Brazos Valley and the importance that infrastructure and transportation investment plays in attracting businesses and families to the Brazos Valley. Through Chet's leadership and seniority, he worked hard to bring some of the Brazos Valley's

tax dollars home in the way of vital infrastructure and Transportation Projects.

- Chet has secured \$4 Million for Old Reliance Road Overpass at Hwy 6 Earl Rudder Freeway. This overpass intersection is dangerous for families and children that use the overpass to attend one of 3 schools within a short distance. Because of the securing of additional federal funds through the Texas Department of Transportation Federal Bridge Program, this project will move forward.

- Chet also secured \$3.5 Million for the Barron Rd. Interchange at Hwy 6 Earl Rudder Freeway, in College Station. This would allow for the construction of an Interchange allowing the main lanes of Hwy 6 to bypass Barron Rd. Due to \$2.5 million in federal stimulus funding distributed through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, this project will move forward.

- Brazos County has received \$13.5 million in federal stimulus funding to widen and resurface several roadways throughout the county.

- Chet also secured about \$6 Million for the Brazos Transit District to build a inter-modal transit terminal and parking facility that would like the Brazos County Courthouse with the Courthouse Annex. This project would create additional parking for a growing Downtown Bryan and provide easy access to regional transportation buses.

- Chet also secured \$558,000 for the Texas Transportation institute (TTI)/Texas A&M to study traffic congestion in the Brazos Valley. The result of this study is the Bryan College Station Mobility Initiative that has worked to time traffic lights, develop ways to aid traffic as trains pass through town, and keep Bryan, College Station, and Brazos County in a constant dialogue to improve traffic.

- Chet also secured \$2.7 million for major runway improvements at Easterwood Airport that were needed to preserve the safety and structure of the runway. Continuing to monitor and upgrade Easterwood's will be important to support economic development in the Brazos Valley.

- Chet also secured \$625,000 for the Brazos Transit District for the purchase of 12 replacement buses for local bus service in the Bryan/College Station area. Existing buses

have reached the end of their useful lives and badly need replacement.

Supporting the 420th Engineer Brigade based in Bryan

Chet secured \$920,000 for planning and development of a new Army Reserve Center that would be based in Brazos County. The Moore Reserve Center currently does not meet the Army Reserve's needs. As the Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Committee Chet intends to secure the \$12 Million needed for a new facility.

Providing Health Care and Reducing Emergency Room Costs

With Chet's support, two Federally Qualified Health Centers have been approved and accredited in the Brazos Valley. The clinics in South College Station and Bryan that are administered by the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency have seen a total of over 16,000 unduplicated patients each year. Increasing access to a doctor, increases the number of families seeking primary care for themselves and their children instead of the emergency room.

Supporting Grimes County Transportation and Law Enforcement

Chet secured \$395,000 to pave CR 172, a dangerous, narrow, unpaved county road used by hundreds of families that live near lola. Chet used his seniority on the Appropriations Committee to bring some of our tax dollars home to make this road safer for Grimes County families.

Chet also secured \$400,000 for the Grimes County Sheriff's Department to purchase and install mobile data terminals and radio equipment in patrol cars. This allows Grimes County Sheriff Deputies to have access to technology and the tools they need to protect local citizens.

Supporting Madisonville St. Joseph's Hospital

Chet saw the need to work with local officials in Madison County to aid this 57 year old Madison County Hospital that serves a rural region of 52,000 residents through Madison, Leon, and Grimes Counties. This region is also designated as both a Health professional Shortage Area

(HPSA) and a Medically Underserved Area (MUA). Over a period of two years, Chet secured \$212,000 for upgrades to the emergency room including air chillers, and technology used to monitor patients; and a sprinkler system that would bring the facility up to code in case of fire.

Supporting Economic Development and Historic Preservation in Robertson County

Working with local officials, Chet secured \$246,000 to renovate and preserve a portion of Camp Hearne, a WWII German POW Camp just outside of Hearne. This facility will be used to display historic artifacts and stage tours of the grounds. These dollars will help to preserve items of historic importance and also generate tourism and economic development for the community.